

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes from the Fort Detrick Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting,
January 12, 2006

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2. Attendance

Members Present:

Colonel Mary Deutsch, Garrison Commander
Lieutenant Colonel Donald Archibald, Director, SEIPO (Installation Co-Chair)
Ms. Linda Robinson, Community Member (Community Co-Chair)
Mr. Robert Craig, Chief, Environmental Management Office
Mr. Joe Gortva, Environmental Restoration Program Manager, SEIPO
Ms. Helen Miller-Scott, Community Member
Mr. Douglas Scarborough, Restoration Oversight Manager, US Army Environmental Center
Mr. Curtis DeTore, Maryland Department of Environment
Dr. Gary T. Pauly Community Member
Dr. Henry Erbes, Community Member
Mr. James C. Eaton, Community Member

Others Present:

Mr. Jeffrey Parks, Shaw E & I
Mr. Keith Hoddinott, US Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine
Mr. John Fairbank, Maryland Department of Environment
Mr. Chris Devine, Public Affairs Office
Mr. Doug Mayles, Analytical Services, Inc. (Recording Secretary)

Members Absent:

Mr. Charles Billups, Ph.D., Community Member
Mr. Larry Bohn, Frederick County Health Department
Mr. Thomas Meyer, Project Manager, US Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District
Mr. Paul Offutt, Program Manager, Frederick County Health Department
Mr. Gerald Toomey Community Member
Mr. Craig Toussaint, Community Member
Mr. Thomas Wade, Community Member
Mr. Daniel J. Patton, Community Member

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3. Meeting Opening

Colonel (COL) Mary Deutsch convened the meeting at 7:35 p.m., on Thursday, January 12, 2006 in Conference Room 3 at 810 Schreider Street, Fort Detrick, Maryland.

4. Opening Remarks

COL Mary Deutsch thanked the group for their active participation in the Fort Detrick RAB and announced that Lieutenant Colonel Donald Archibald will be promoted to the rank of Colonel.

5. Performance-Based Contract Remediation Areas

Mr. Jeffrey Parks presented information pertaining to the Performance-Based Contract (PBC) major remediation areas in Area B. Two teaming meetings were held since the last RAB meeting, the outcomes of which include a re-evaluation of schedule and reporting requirements. The contractor's original plan was to present Remedial Investigation (RI) information from six sites in one document. At the request of the Maryland Department of the Environment, this has been revised so that each RI will be a separate document. Work managed by the Army Corps of Engineers is complete and all current Installation Restoration Program work is contained in the PBC.

6. Area A Water Levels

September 2005 groundwater elevation levels for Area A are similar to those in recent history and the cone of depression continues to be evident around the Building 568.

7. Area A Update

Long-Term Monitoring (LTM) for Area A groundwater included sampling in September 2005. Sample results for three wells near Building 568 show Trichloroethylene (TCE) levels in the groundwater at new low levels compared to historical data. Sampling results at the installation boundary reflected that all groundwater wells sampled are below the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL). Consensus was reached at the recent partnering meetings to remove seven wells from Area A LTM due to consistent non-detects.

8. Area B Water Levels

September 2005 groundwater elevation levels for Area B were similar to those in recent history.

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9. Area B Update

LTM for Area B groundwater included sampling in September 2005. These sample results show that TCE and Perchloroethylene (PCE) concentrations in the Area B plumes have not changed significantly since the last sampling event. A PCE sample result of 1.6 micrograms/liter, was observed in an offsite homeowner's well. This result is below the MCL. Fort Detrick is working this issue with the homeowner.

On September 30, 2005, the Close-out Document containing information for B-Ammo, B-20 North, B-20 South, and B-Grid, was submitted to MDE and is currently under review. On December 6, 2005, the Area B-Skeet Site Draft Final Close-out Document was submitted to MDE and is currently under review. Within the B-Skeet site, Fort Detrick removed additional soil containing lead and clay-pigeon debris and performed confirmation sampling. These sample results show this to be within residential standards for lead and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, the contaminants of concern for this site. A screening level ecological risk assessment was performed and concluded that there is no ecological risk at this site.

10. Area C Update

The Area C Final Decision Document was signed on December 16, 2005 and placed in the administrative record. A discussion was held on the five-year review cycle under which this site is included.

11. Installation Restoration Program Planned Work Schedule

Periodic monitoring for Area B groundwater, Area A LTM, and the water towers will occur in March 2006. An Installation Action Plan workshop is planned for April 2006. Area B-18 debris removal, sampling, and close-out is scheduled for late spring or summer of 2006.

12. Open Comments

A discussion was held concerning sampling of groundwater wells neighboring Fort Detrick and the interest of neighboring property owners. The group also discussed marketing the RAB to the surrounding community.

13. Date of Next Meeting

RAB meetings are held bimonthly on the second Thursday of the month. The next RAB meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, April 11, 2006, at 7:30 p.m., at Fort Detrick, Building 810, Conference Room 3.

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14. Meeting Closing

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:55 p.m.

Reviewed by:

// Signed //

Donald F. Archibald
Lieutenant Colonel, US Army
Co-Chairman

Approved/Disapproved

// Signed //

Mary R. Deutsch
Colonel, US Army
Deputy Installation Commander

Enclosure:

Fort Detrick Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study Handout

DISTRIBUTION:

Each RAB Member (w/o enclosure)

Each Meeting Attendee (w/o enclosure)